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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. COAST GUARD AND U.S. POSTAL SERVICE CELEBRATE THE COAST GUARD'S 225TH ANNIVERSARY WITH FOREVER STAMP DEDICATION

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Coast Guard celebrated its 225th anniversary at the Coast Guard's Douglas A. Munro Headquarters with U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Paul Zukunft, and Postmaster General Megan Brennan participating in a dedication of the Postal Service's U.S. Coast Guard Forever stamp Tuesday. The U.S. Postal Service commemorated the Coast Guard's 225 years of service to the nation by creating a Forever Stamp to honor its role in protecting the security of the nation and advancing vital U.S. maritime interests. The stamp shows two icons of the Coast Guard: the cutter *Eagle*, a three-masted sailing ship known as "America's Tall Ship," and an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter, one of the Coast Guard's rescue aircraft.



Image is courtesy of U.S. Postal Service Headquarters

"Stamps tell America's story and it is a great honor for the Coast Guard to be memorialized on our 225th anniversary in the Forever Stamp collection. For 225 years, the Coast Guard has proven its enduring value to our nation. We warmly welcome this tribute and the opportunity to share our story with the nation we serve," said Zukunft. "It's a time to remember and celebrate the hundreds and thousands of Coast Guard men and women who've gone to sea – and sometimes paid the ultimate price – in boats, cutters and aircraft so that others may live." Postmaster General Brennan spoke to the significance of the service being featured on the Forever stamp. "The Coast Guard is truly a symbol of safety to all Americans. Those who live in a coastal community, or spend time on our waterways and shores, know that the Coast Guard does whatever it takes to ensure that they are safe and protected," she said. As the keynote speaker, Secretary Johnson said, "We are here to commemorate the Coast Guard's past, but I am most excited about the Coast Guard's future. We should all be impressed by the dedication and excellence of the men and women who occupy the ranks of today's Coast Guard. I see this service growing and growing, taking on more missions, taking on more and more terrific young people like those I saw graduate from basic training last week, who are from all over the country. I salute you, thank you for your service, and, from this new member of the family, I wish you happy anniversary." Fifteen million United States Coast Guard Forever stamps will be issued. Aviation artist William Phillips of Ashland, OR painted the image using oil and Masonite. Phil Jordan of Falls Church, Va., is the art director.

(Source: News Release, US Coast Guard Headquarters dtd Aug 4, 2015)

CO'S Corner - Before I introduce myself, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank CAPT Stuart Lebruska for his 27 years of honorable service and for turning over to me the absolute best unit in the Coast Guard. During his tenure as CO, CAPT Lebruska led PPC through the largest payroll system transition in Coast Guard history, broadened the PPC customer base to over 150,000 people, processed nearly \$15 billion in payroll, travel claims, and court ordered payments, and helped the Coast Guard receive its first (and second) unqualified opinions on the Chief Financial Officers Act audit. His contributions and service to the men and women of the Coast Guard, NOAA, PHS and their families has been extraordinary. On behalf of all those who have served and continue to serve I extend our sincere appreciation to CAPT Lebruska and his family. We wish them fair winds and following seas as they set sail into the next chapter of their lives.

As for me, I reported into PPC having come from Alameda where I served as the Executive Officer of Base Alameda. Prior to that, I served as Chief of Logistics at Sector Southeastern New England for 3 years and as Comptroller at Air Station Cape Cod the 3 years prior to that. Other tours include CG Headquarters, the Engineering and Logistics Center, District 1 (law enforcement), District 7 (intelligence) and USCGC SPENCER. I am a 1993 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy and received my MBA from the University of Massachusetts. My wife Kelly and I are originally from Holyoke, Massachusetts and we have two boys, Joseph and Peter III.

Now that that is out of the way, I simply want to express my excitement and honor to serve as the CO of the Pay and Personnel Center. I have been nothing but impressed with the breadth and scope of the responsibilities of this unit and the professionalism, dedication and expertise of the entire staff. PPC has over 150,000 customers and our commitment is to provide exceptional service and support to each and every one. I thank you all for your service, to the Coast Guard, NOAA and PHS, and your sacrifices to our great nation, and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve all of you. As a valued customer, your feedback is always welcome and appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist you in any way.

Until next time....

THANK YOU and Semper Paratus

CAPT Peter F. Brady, Jr.
Commanding Officer
USCG Pay and Personnel Center

SHOPPING AT THE COAST GUARD EXCHANGE



Shopping at the Coast Guard Exchange (CGX), whether in one of our retail stores or through www.shopcgx.com, your online store, allows you to continue to enjoy your MWR dividend and high quality merchandise at a savings. Use the link provided above to visit the store. The website is user-friendly and will become your go-to source for Coast Guard items as well as a myriad number of other products. There is no need to lose your link with our Exchange system once you enter retirement. The Exchange stands ready and willing to assist you with your purchases and thanks you for your continued support.

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The Retiree Newsletter is a publication containing news of general interest, suggestions, and information to keep Coast Guard, NOAA and PHS retirees and their family members informed of recent developments. This publication shall not be considered authority and is non-record material.

REUNIONS AND NOTICES

Calling all LORANIMALS –The last of the US LORAN Stations has been shut down. Come and join us at: www.Loran-history.info. The web site remembers the Coast Guardsmen who served aboard Loran-A, Loran-C stations and other Loran billets worldwide. These dedicated Coasties are but a few who provided radio navigation signals to millions of navigators. Hosted by CPO Joe Jester, USCG (ret) and MCPO Bill Dietz, USCG (ret).

POINT OF INQUIRY. We are writing a story for publication about the history and modernization and updating of US Lighthouses and ATON from 1945 - 1975 and would like to interview anyone who has experience with the USCG during those years, especially east coast around 1960. Of particular interest is the official policy concerning the disposition of the obsolete equipment and instructions to personnel on disposal of Lighthouse lenses and obsolete ATON. Please email or call - steve@chestnutdev.com or 810-599-5147.

USCGC MACKINAW sailors and all other interested parties may be interested to know that the ship, though decommissioned in 2006, now resides at her namesake home of Mackinaw City, Michigan, and is open for public tours and group events. Visit her at the museum website: <http://www.themackinaw.org/>

GRAND CANYON CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION was established as its own chapter on July 16, 2012 with the approval of the national MOAA Board of Directors. It now has 81 members and publishes its own newsletter, The Canyon Echo. To read a copy of the newsletter and to learn more about this chapter visit their website at: <http://www.moaa.org/chapter/AZ11>. You may also call Colonel (ret) Peter Kloeber at (928) 525-0585.

THE GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL is growing but we have room for a lot more Coast Guard retirees and annuitants. Come aboard and join the crew! If you are interested in participating or have questions, contact Mike Kelly, LCDR (Ret) at mike1940@centurytel.net or Keith Livingstone, MCPO (Ret) at bassbolt@yahoo.com.

HAWAII COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL will meet at 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Schultz at rschultz369@gmail.com or BMCS Dutton at DuttonM003@Hawaii.RR.Com if you have any questions.

TRACEN YORKTOWN Retiree Council office is located in the lobby on the first floor of Steuben Hall. Office hours are 0800-1400 Monday thru Wednesday or by appointment. Telephone (757) 856-2136 or e-mail us at: yktnretiree@gmail.com. Our website address is: www.cgretireeyktn.com.

Coast Guard Activities, Europe Facebook Page. Any former members of Coast Guard Activities, Europe LORAN C Operations (July 1995 and prior) ACTEUR in London and including Estartit, Lampedusa, Sellia Marina, Sylt, Karagarburn are welcome to join our Facebook page "Coast Guard Activities Europe" and share their memories.

Informal Captains Luncheon. In keeping with a tradition started by RADM Al Manning more than 30 years ago, Coast Guard Captains in the Los Angeles area gather for an informal luncheon on the second Wednesday of every month. Captains in the area are cordially invited to attend. Should you wish to be included on the mailing list, you may advise the mess treasurer, CAPT John H. (Jack) Guest at jack@guestgroup.com.

The **Cactus Coast Guard** meets three times a year in the Phoenix, AZ area for brunch and camaraderie. All former, active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard members are welcome. We have an active e-mail list so please respond by same to artgbeard@aol.com. No e-mail, contact SKCM Art Sloane, USCG, Ret., (480) 802-6810.

All eight **Omega Stations** were shut down Sep 30th, 1997. If you were stationed at either of the two Coast Guard Manned Stations (LaMoure ND, Kaneohe, HI) or with the **Omega Navigation Systems Operations Detail** (ONSOD) and/or the **Omega Navigation Systems Center**, we would like to hear from you with respect to your thoughts and experiences. Check out the website: <http://www.Haikuvalley.com> or email CPO Matthew Bezayiff (ret) for further info at mbezayiff@icloud.com

CGAS CHICAGO, REUNION 2015—The third biennial reunion for Coast Guard Air Station Chicago (Glenview, IL 1969-1995) will be held in Branson, MO at the Camden Hotel and Convention Center from September 30 through October 3. Former shipmates are invited to contact: Bruce Huntsman, Phone (417) 739-9625 (home) or at his mobile: (417) 230-7572. You may also contact him via the following e-mail address: huntsapat@centurytel.net.

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES

Attention retirees in the 9th District:

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bill Schmidt the new Retiree Services Director for Base Cleveland as per the Coast Guard Retiree Services Program, COMDTINST 1800.5G. My AOR as the director for Base Cleveland is the boundaries of the Ninth Coast Guard District. I can be used as a point of contact for retiree information. I can be reached at (216) 902-6355 and William.A.Schmidt@uscg.mil. I would also like to start a list of CG retirees in the D9 AOR to disseminate information for retirees from myself, D9, Ninth District Retiree Council and MWR. If you would like to be on this list please send your phone number and e-mail address to me at the email listed above.

Those interested in joining the membership of the **FIRST COAST, COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL**, Jacksonville, FL please contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG (Ret), at: BWester2549@aol.com

COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE ASSOCIATION

(CGIA) is a professional organization whose purpose is to further camaraderie, friendship and professional working relationships among former and present CGIS and CGI Special Agents and Investigators, Security Managers and Intelligence Officers. We hold annual conventions in order to swap "war" and "sea" stories while renewing old friendships and making new ones. We currently have approximately 150 members and hope to grow. Anyone interested in applying for membership can view the association web page at:

www.coastguardinvestigativeassociation.org

The Base New Orleans Retiree Council is now over 70 members strong and looking for more to help serve retirees in the 8th District and the Base. POC is Jim Montgomery, the Volunteer Director at: james.r.montgomery@uscg.mil or (985) 246-9483. It meets the second Wednesday of each month, alternating business meetings and social events. The Base St. Louis Retiree Council, focusing on the northern portion of the District, has PERS2 Tom Fairley as its Active Duty Coordinator at: thomas.e.fairley@uscg.mil.

RETIREE-VETERANS EVENTS The below listed website includes a list of events throughout the country of interest to Retirees and Veterans:

http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html

The **KEEPERS OF THE PATOS LIGHT LIGHTHOUSE** friends group would like to announce their intention to raise funds for the return and installation of the American flag and flagpole to Patos Island. The flag and pole will be installed, hopefully, by the end of the year. A fundraising effort is underway. Donations can be sent to: c/o Keepers of the Patos Light, "Flag Fund" and sent to this address: PO Box 518, Lopez Island, WA 98261. All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged by an invitation to the island for the dedication ceremony.

Linda Hudson
President, Keepers of the Patos Light
A 501C3 non-profit organization

The National Capital Region (NCR) Chapter of the Coast Guard Cuttermen Association encourages any active, retired, and former CG Cuttermen in the DC area (officer and enlisted) to become involved in your local chapter. This chapter was commissioned approximately one year ago and is looking to expand our membership. For more information see **Cuttermen Association** website at: <http://www.cuttermen.org/>
NCR Chapter President: CAPT Matt Gimple, USCG can be reached at: matthew.j.gimple@uscg.mil or gimplemj@gmail.com.

The Pensacola Coast Guard Retiree Council & Coast Guard Friends & Family Organization jointly meet on the second Thursday of each month from 5-9 P.M. at the Golden Corral restaurant (located at the corner of 9th Ave. and Langley Ave. in Pensacola, FL). Folks of all Coast Guard affiliations are welcome. We enjoy your fellowship and sharing of your Coast Guard experiences. For more information, please call Bill Hayden. Phone: (850) 554-3858 or email to: coastguardfamily@yahoo.com.

USCGC BIBB REUNION. The BIBB Shipmates Association will be holding its reunion from October 11th to October 14th, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Charleston, Mount Pleasant, SC. To reserve your room, you need to call the hotel at 1-843-884-6000 and identify yourself as part of the BIBB Shipmates Association to receive the group room rate of \$114 per night (plus tax). There is a \$60 (per person) activity fee to cover hospitality suite, snacks, banquet room and related taxes. For further information, contact Oke Thorngren at (941) 204-9457 or Jim Tweed at (508) 478-9694.

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2015 PRINSENDAM RESCUE REUNION - "Calling on all former Shipmates, Aviators, and personnel stationed ashore who assisted in the rescue of 519 passengers and crew aboard the burning Dutch cruise ship Prinsendam on 4 - 5 October 1980 in the Gulf of Alaska." If you or someone you know was attached to any of the below listed units during the rescue and/or subsequent sinking of the Prinsendam and are not listed on my roster "I Want To Hear From You": USCGC BOUTWELL - USCGC MELLON - USCGC WOODRUSH - USCGC BITT - USCG Air Stations Kodiak and Sitka - USCG Support Center Kodiak - USCG Marine Safety Offices Valdez and Juneau - PACAREA - CCGD17 - CCGD13 - CCGD12 - USCG CAMSPAC - USCG Communication Station Kodiak - USCG Group Ketchikan - Elmendorf Air Force Base - Royal Canadian Air Force/Canadian Air Force - Alaskan Ham Radio Operators - Yakutat Fire Department - U.S. Tanker Williamsburgh - C/V SOHIO Intrepid - C/V Portland - Dutch cruise ship Prinsendam (crew & survivors)

Our fourth annual reunion will be celebrated with activities beginning on Friday, 2 October through Sunday, 4 October 2015 in Seattle, Washington to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of "One of the Greatest Sea Rescues in Coast Guard History". A special invitation is also extended to rescued passengers and crew aboard the Prinsendam. If you require the assistance of a stokes litter to get that sorry caboose of yours out of charlie status one will be provided at no cost. Note: Subsequent and additional charges for transport via the new Coast Guard HITRON helicopter may apply.

Contact YNCS Stan Jaceks, USCG, (Ret) by email at: stanley2421@localnet.com Phone (509) 760-4866 (c) to become a member of our Association, make a reservation or get additional information.

PHILADELPHIA AREA RETIREES AND VETERANS LUNCHEON GROUP SEEKS LOCAL MEMBERS. Calling all Coast Guard retirees, veterans and active duty who live in or near Philadelphia's northwest suburbs. A Coast Guard luncheon group has been gathering regularly at the Heritage Restaurant on route 113 in Franconia Township for the purpose of swapping yarns and enjoying the company of old shipmates. It's a diverse group that includes members in cutter and aviation service, lighthouses, lightships, ice breakers and loran stations from World War II to the present. Everyone with Coast Guard service is welcome. Contact Bob Dell at: rbard1@verizon.net or (610) 222-4645 to have your name included for luncheon date notices.

Attention retirees in or having served in District 13: We invite you to affiliate with the Coast Guard Retiree Council Northwest! We keep you in touch with fellow retirees, benefit news and what's happening in the active Coast Guard. No heavy lifting required. Check out our website at <http://www.cgretirenw.org>. If you'd like to receive our E-mail newsletter, please send your contact information (include email) to feedback@cgretirenw.org.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD COURIER/VOICE OF AMERICA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION REUNION

will be held during the week of 2 October through 16 October 2015 on the Island of Rhodes, Greece. This fifth reunion will include an opening of an exhibit on 3 October 2015 at the French Inn in the Old City. Your Point of Contact is: Robert (Bob) R. Hickman, President. Correspondence may be addressed to: USCGC Courier/VOA Memorial Foundation, 108 Gordon Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212. Phone: (315) 458-5995 (Home) or (Cell) (315) 378-7443.

Email: robert.hickman1@verizon.net

COMMANDER NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST (CNRSW), FLEET & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER / MORALE WELFARE & RECREATION

Event: Annual Military Retired Personnel Seminar & Resource Fair

Date: Saturday, 14 November 2015 (0800-1300)

Location: Anchors & Spurs Catering Conference Center (aboard Navy Base San Diego)

Address: 2375 Recreation Way, Bldg. 3210, San Diego, CA 92136/ ph. (619) 556-7788.

RSVP: "REQUIRED", FIRST COME/REGISTERED, FIRST SERVED! Limited Seating!

Register by calling (858) 277-4259.

THE NORTH TEXAS COAST GUARD ASSOCIATION

meets twice a year on the last Saturday in October and last Saturday in April. We meet at Pappa's Barbecue, 2231 West Northwest Highway in Dallas. Meeting begins at noon and ends when everybody goes home. Coast Guard members (retired, active, reserve) are invited to attend and share your story with us over great barbecue. For more information contact MCPO Steve Hines at shines57@att.net or call (972) 365-5274.

Editor's note: We received an email from J. J. McClelland, RADM (ret), in praise of our article (Issue 3/15) on the USCGC EVERGREEN. The Admiral was the last CO with a full tour as the **WAGO** which, he notes, stands for: **W**: designator as CG; **A**: Auxiliary; **G**: General; **O**: Oceanographic. Thanks, Admiral.

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USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION will be holding their annual reunion in New London, CT from October 19 to 21, 2015. Contact Information: Bill Quigley by phone at (603) 966-8690 or by email at wanderingmanitook1@msn.com. To learn more about the USCG Lightship Sailors Assoc., view our website: www.uscglightsailsailors.org

USCGC OWASCO (255' CLASS) REUNION.

Who: All former crew members of the Cutter OWASCO, family and friends.

When: Starts October 22 and ends October 25th

Where: Hampton Inn (downtown) , 1331 Prudential Drive Jacksonville, FL (special rate: \$94/night plus tax)

Phone: (904) 396-7770 or at below-listed website:

http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/J/JAXDTHX-USC-20151022/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

No charge for the reunion. If there are any questions, contact Pete Marshall by phone at (904) 610-1059 or by email at tpeterm46@gmail.com

THE CAPE MAY MARITIME MUSEUM is seeking donations to assist in the restoration of the vintage motor life boat CG36538. As an incentive, donors who pledge a minimum tax deductible donation of \$100 will be offered an opportunity to coxswain the boat when she is re-commissioned for private tours and at significant TRACEN celebrations. No donation is too small or large and will be greatly appreciated!

Walt Disney Pictures film of CG36500's rescue of the SS PENDELTON will be featured in "The Finest Hours" scheduled for release in January 2016. Not many of these seaworthy vessels remain. For more info, see:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=BQmlwTKtqU>

Spare 36' TRS Parts are also being sought.

Contact Wayne Adams, BMCM (Ret.) at (609) 231-6525 (www.capemaymaritimemuseum.org)

SURGEON GENERAL ESTABLISHES SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER DIVERSITY ADVISORY GROUP

On 30 June 2015 U.S. Surgeon General VADM Vivek Murthy established the Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity Advisory Group (SOGDAG) in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. This is the first officially sanctioned group of LGBT public health officers. The charter is significant from a number of perspectives:

First, it creates a safe space within the Corps to discuss issues and concerns unique to LGBT officers and their allies.

Second, it acknowledges evolving policies and practices relevant to sexual and gender minorities at the state and federal levels – particularly with respect to same-sex spouses and transgender service members.

Third, as many Corps officers are also healthcare providers, the SOGDAG can serve as a resource in the provision of culturally appropriate and medically accurate care to diverse communities.

Finally, endorsement by the Surgeon General at this historic moment in time further illustrates the importance of diversity, inclusion, and equality – values that are core to the Corps.

If you want more information about the group or would like to volunteer your services to the group, please contact LCDR Richard Dunville, USPHS, at dgo2@cdc.gov.

Editor's Note: for those several people who called me asking for an update on the Duck featured in the previous edition's review of "Frozen In Time," I contacted the author Mitchell Zuckoff and received the following update: "I'm sorry to report that the Duck and its men remain encased in ice. Some of my fellow expedition members are talking about returning this summer to re-survey the site and reconfirm the location using radar, but I don't think they intend to begin excavation this year. I wish I had better news."

The saga continues; I'm sure it will not end here.

We will bring them home.

BOOK REVIEW: ONCE AN EAGLE BY ANTON MYRER

Reviewed by Matthew O'Connell

Anton Myrer's "Once an Eagle," is that rare book that is both a best seller (over 3 million copies sold) appealing to the general public and a recommended book appearing on most recommended military reading lists. Published in 1968 and drawing heavily on the author's experience as combat veteran, the novel chronicles the life of Sam Damon as he proceeds through his career often in conflict with Courtney Massengale, his highly successful nemesis, a careerist who places his personal ambitions above the welfare of his troops even to the point of sacrificing their lives to bring himself personal acclaim.

Damon, conceived by Myrer as a quintessential American hero, is a Mustanger (a fellow who worked his way up from the enlisted ranks to officer status). As he proceeds up the chain of command, he often finds his career imperiled by his refusal to bend the arc of his own integrity away from justice towards self-promotion. Still, as an archetype, Myrer refuses to allow him to become one dimensional. He too has his flaws but like the historical King David, he struggles with his conscience and after reflection makes the moral choice.

The book begins during the 1916 Mexican Expedition and continues on through World War I where Damon is awarded the Medal of Honor and receives a battlefield commission. It also traverses the battered and often disregarded American military during its most fallow years, the post-Great War period.

Historical note: following our 1918 victory and the subsequent armistice, the US Army suffered dramatic cuts in its budget coupled with a massive forced reduction in troop strength. By the 1930's with the depression ravaging all of society, Douglas MacArthur as Army Chief of Staff, whose father was a medal of honor recipient and a famed Civil War hero, directly challenged President Roosevelt in terms one had never heard before and certainly have not heard since. Military pay suffered a 15% reduction vice the COLA increases we have all grown used to. Moreover, Army officers lost the right to paid annual leave and were forced to take a furlough during FY 33. This, in addition to a congressman's attempt to directly reduce the pension of famed World War I hero, General Pershing, shocked the officer corps. General MacArthur spent most of his tenure (1930-35) appealing to both the White House and congress. It was the darkest time for morale and preparedness since prior to the Civil War and the personalities involved at the highest levels were not the most accommodating. The average soldier, officer or enlisted, felt as though he were a nonentity in American public life. No one has captured the soldier's dilemma (and that of his family) during this period as well as Myrer does over these pages. His sympathy is always with the common soldier.

The best parts of "Once an Eagle" concern the Second World War. It is here that the conflict between the two officers' visions are brought into direct conflict with Massengale deliberately sacrificing his men to win a coveted award and Damon willing to sacrifice himself for his troops and the success of the mission. Damon, as Division Commander, serves under Corps Commander, (now) General Massengale. Page after page of the novel's war period are designed to illustrate these differences in all their particulars when Massengale and his careerist vision is brought into a final direct conflict with the eternal verities as practiced by Sam Damon. Massengale, ever his eye out for advancement, commits his reserve forces elsewhere, thus depriving Damon and his men of much needed support. The reader's sympathies are with Damon; there is much foreshadowing of his fate here and one continues reading knowing it will not turn out well for him.

"Once an Eagle" concludes with Damon recalled to duty for a fact-finding mission to the Southeast Asian country of Khotiane (a fictionalized Vietnam). Sam Damon, our heroic protagonist, faces his fate as all great heroes must and in so doing encapsulates the author's vision of what a good man does no matter the consequences. "Once an Eagle" appears on the Commandant of the Coast Guard's reading list and includes the following recommendation: "This is a must read for leadership lessons that transcend military doctrine."

Anton Myrer was born in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1922 and succumbed to Leukemia in 1996. He interrupted his attendance at Harvard University for service in the Pacific as a U.S. Marine; he was wounded during the Battle of Guam and discharged as a Corporal in 1946. "Once an Eagle" remains in print and continues to sell well. His second most popular book, "The Big War," was made into a movie entitled "In Love and War" in 1958 and featured Robert Wagner. Sam Elliot starred in the miniseries version of "Once an Eagle."

"Once An Eagle" is often referred to as America's "War and Peace," Leo Tolstoy's much revered novel.

RETIREE PAYDAYS FOR CY 2015

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| January 30 | June 1 | October 1 |
| February 27 | July 1 | October 30 |
| April 1 | July 31 | December 1 |
| May 1 | September 1 | December 31 |

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) COMPENSATION AND YOUR RETIRED PAY

The law requires a dollar for dollar offset of VA compensation against retired pay.

There are two programs that were established to restore the offset to retired pay, one of which is Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP). To qualify for CRDP, the retiree must be rated by the VA at least 50 percent and have 20 years of service unless you retired under the Temporary Early Retirement Authorization (TERA).

There is no application process for this benefit; it starts automatically once the VA award reaches 50% or higher.

Exception to this rule: If you retire as a Chapter 61 disability with 20 years of service and your longevity percentage is less than your disability percentage, you may or may not be entitled to CRDP.

The other program is Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC). The retiree must apply for CRSC using **DD form 2860**. In order to qualify for this program the disability must be incurred as a direct result of armed conflict, while engaged in hazardous service in the performance of duty under conditions simulating war or through an instrumentality of war. This can be for any disability percentage and less than 20 years of service.

Even if a retiree is in receipt of CRSC or CRDP, the retired pay is still offset for VA. If you are receiving VA compensation and it is not being deducted from your retired pay, you need to contact PPC immediately at (800) 772-8724.

THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT/TRICARE

Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), all Americans including all military retirees and their eligible family members must have health care coverage that meets a minimum standard called minimum essential coverage or pay a fee. Your TRICARE coverage meets the minimum essential coverage requirement under the ACA.

Beginning in January 2016, the Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center (PPC) will provide IRS Form 1095-B to all USCG, NOAA and USPHS Retirees, Annuitants, and former spouses having TRICARE coverage during all or any portion of tax year 2015. An IRS Form 1095 documents you (and your family members, if applicable) have the minimum essential coverage. These forms will document the information that the Coast Guard will provide to the IRS on yourself and your authorized family members. The forms will be required to be reported with your 2015 federal tax return and will be mailed to your mailing address listed in Direct Access no later than January 31, 2016.

Retirees will receive a notification letter from the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) if their social security number (SSN) or a family members' SSN needs to be updated in DEERS. It is important to follow the instructions in the letter to ensure information is correctly reported to the IRS.

You can find more information about the impact of the Affordable Care Act on your federal income tax at:

<http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act>.

THE BLACK COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ADVISORY GROUP CELEBRATES ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Black Commissioned Officers Advisory Group (BCOAG) will celebrate its 25th Silver Anniversary year from October 9-11.

An entire weekend of events, beginning with a social and culminating with a worship service on Sunday afternoon, has been planned. The main celebratory event will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 7-11 p.m. at the Officers Club on Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, DC. All active duty and retirees including family and guests are invited to celebrate this milestone event. Retirees may contact CAPT Leslie Cooper (Ret) at: aldenpk@aol.com for invitation and event information.

Also, the BCOAG website address is: <http://dcp.psc.gov/osg/bcoag/>



GET ANSWERS TO YOUR MEDICATION QUESTIONS

Have you ever picked up a prescription, got home and realized you had a question? Maybe you had a headache but weren't sure how the pain reliever would work with another medication you take? You're not alone.

"Your safety is important to us. Don't be afraid to call and ask your doctor or pharmacist to explain prescription directions again if you didn't understand them the first time," encourages Dr. George Jones, Chief of the Defense Health Agency Pharmacy Division. "And it's always a good idea to write down any additional or special instructions so you don't forget them once you get home."

Your pharmacist should be the first resource you use to answer questions about your drugs. If you are taking an over-the-counter (OTC) medication like acetaminophen (Tylenol®), cough medicines, herbal supplements or aspirin, those drugs can interfere with other medications. Because you purchased these products OTC, there is no record in the pharmacy's computer system to prevent harmful drug interactions. It is important that you tell your pharmacist about taking OTC products when you fill any prescription.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is another good resource. FDA's Division of Drug Information (DDI) will answer almost any drug question and is easy to reach. The DDI responds to an average of 4,432 telephone calls, 1,531 emails and 91 letters with drug questions every month. The top five questions DDI pharmacists receive are:

- What are the possible side effects of my medicine, and where can I find the most current information about the drugs I take?
- How do I report a bad reaction to a medicine or a medication error to FDA?
- Are generic drugs the same as brand name drugs?
- How can I find out when a generic will be available for a medicine I take?
- How do I discard medicine I no longer need?

Did you know that if you get your prescriptions from [TRICARE Home Delivery](#), you still have access to a pharmacist 24/7? You can get answers to these and other questions by calling Express Scripts, Inc., the contractor who manages the TRICARE prescription benefit at 1-877-363-1303. You can also call the FDA Division of Drug Information at 1-855-543-DRUG (3784) (or Email druginfo@fda.hhs.gov)

NOTE: More information about the FDA Division of Drug Information is available online at <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/OfficeofMedicalProductsandTobacco/CDER/ucm082585>

(Source: TRICARE News Release of 7/23/2015)

STATEMENT BY U.S. COAST GUARD COMMANDANT, ADM PAUL ZUKUNFT ON PROPOSED ACCELERATION FOR ACQUISITION OF U.S. COAST GUARD ICEBREAKERS.

"The President's announcement demonstrates that the United States is an Arctic nation and affirms the Coast Guard's role in providing assured access to the Polar Regions. We look forward to working with the Administration, Congress and the many other Arctic stakeholders to ensure these platforms meet our national security objectives well into the 21st century."

-End statement-

Background:

The Coast Guard has been the sole operator and custodian of the nation's polar icebreaking capability since 1965, providing assured access in both the Arctic and Antarctic regions. National Arctic Region policy emphasizes the importance of the Arctic and the broad interests our nation has in the region and our icebreakers are a key component of our strategy there.

The Coast Guard utilizes U.S. Coast Guard Cutters HEALY and POLAR STAR to meet present day ice-breaking needs in the Arctic and Antarctic.

The missions of U.S. polar icebreakers are to conduct and support scientific research in the Arctic and Antarctic; defend U.S. sovereignty in the Arctic by helping to maintain a U.S. presence in U.S. territorial waters in the region; defend other U.S. interests in polar regions, including economic interests in waters that are within the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) north of Alaska; monitor sea traffic in the Arctic, including ships bound for the United States; conduct other typical Coast Guard missions (such as search and rescue, law enforcement, and protection of marine resources) in Arctic waters, including U.S. territorial waters north of Alaska.



USCGC HEALY (photo is courtesy of the USCG Historians Office)

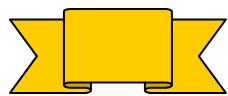
For the full White House Fact Sheet: President Obama Announces New Investments to Enhance Safety and Security in the Changing Arctic, go to <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/09/01/fact-sheet-president-obama-announces-new-investments-enhance-safety>



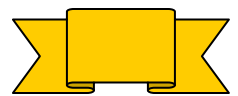
USCGC POLAR STAR (photo is courtesy of the USCG Historians Office)

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USCG Retirements



| Name | Grade | Date of Retirement |
|------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| ACUFF, WILLIAM | ET1 | 20150801 |
| ADAMS, JOSHUA | HS1 | 20150801 |
| ADAMS, MYLES | HS3 | 20150618 |
| AINSWORTH, CHEYENNE | SN | 20150729 |
| AKERMAN, LOUIS | MSSE2 | 20150601 |
| ALBAIR, ROBERT | DC1 | 20150601 |
| ALBERT, ROBERT | BOSN4 | 20150701 |
| ALLAIN, RYAN | CDR | 20150701 |
| ALLARD, JOSEPH | DCCS | 20150827 |
| AMACHER, RUSSELL | LT | 20150701 |
| ANDERSON, TODD | LCDR | 20150701 |
| ANDERSON, DAVID | SN | 20150827 |
| ANTWILER, JEFFREY | IT1 | 20150801 |
| APARCIO, JEFF | CDR | 20150701 |
| APODACA, ALFRED | LCDR | 20150807 |
| ARMAN, JOSHUA | FS2 | 20150728 |
| ARROYO, CHRISTOPHER | BM3 | 20150610 |
| ASH, ANNACARRIE | CDR | 20150701 |
| ASHBURN, OCTAVIA | CDR | 20150601 |
| BAGLEY, MICHAEL | BOSN2 | 20150801 |
| BAGLEY, JOHN | BMC | 20150601 |
| BAKER, SCOTT | BOSN2 | 20150701 |
| BAKER, BRUCE | MSTC | 20150601 |
| BAKER, MARK | ELC4 | 20150801 |
| BALABAN, STUART | BM2 | 20150730 |
| BALDWIN, OAKLEY | MLES4 | 20150723 |
| BALKE, DEREK | LTJG | 20150626 |
| BARAVIK, DANIEL | CDR | 20150701 |
| BARNES, DAVID | LT | 20150727 |
| BARNES, CHRISTOPHER | AMT1 | 20150801 |
| BARONE, MARC | DC2 | 20150611 |
| BARTERIAN, JONATHON | BM3 | 20150828 |
| BATES, HARLEY | MSSE4 | 20150701 |
| BAUBY, DENNIS | CAPT | 20150701 |
| BAXLEY, STEVEN | AMTC | 20150601 |
| BECKLEY, MATTHEW | LT | 20150801 |
| BENSON, ROBERT | DC1 | 20150701 |
| BETZ, JAMES | CDR | 20150601 |
| BIAS, MATTHEW | ET3 | 20150821 |
| BILLBURG, GARY | AMTC | 20150801 |
| BISHOP, DANIEL | CDR | 20150601 |
| BLANCO, CHRISTIAN | AMTCS | 20150601 |
| BLOMME, CARLYLE | CAPT | 20150701 |
| BLUMER, KEVIN | MSTCS | 20150701 |
| BLUNTZER, STEVEN | OSC | 20150701 |
| BOLDING, JULIUS | ITC | 20150701 |
| BOLLEURS, NOELL | MSTCM | 20150701 |
| BOND, KENNETH | DC1 | 20150801 |
| BRACK, JASON | MECS | 20150801 |
| BRADLEY, BENJAMIN | BM2 | 20150728 |
| BRAHM, RONALD | CDR | 20150601 |
| BRANDT, MATTHEW | WEPS3 | 20150701 |
| BRINER, MICHAEL | BMCS | 20150801 |
| BRITTON, CRAIG | CDR | 20150716 |
| BROWN, BENJAMIN | BMCS | 20150601 |
| BROWN, CURTIS | LCDR | 20150801 |
| BROWN, KEVIN | ME1 | 20150601 |
| BROWN, ALEXANDER | BMC | 20150801 |
| BRYANT, WILLIAM | LCDR | 20150811 |
| BRYANT, BRIAN | MSTC | 20150801 |
| BUCKRIDGE, CHRISTOPHER | CDR | 20150701 |
| BURGESS, LEANDER | OSCM | 20150815 |

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| BURKE, STEPHEN | BOSN3 | 20150801 |
| BURKE, DENA | FSCS | 20150601 |
| BURNSIDE, CHRISTOPHER | HSC | 20150701 |
| BURNSIDE, RUSSELL | CDR | 20150701 |
| BURRELL, KIRK | OS1 | 20150601 |
| BUTTRICK, BRITTANY | SN | 20150828 |
| CALLAGHAN, JOHN | OSCS | 20150701 |
| CANNON, ROBERT | MEC | 20150709 |
| CARELLA, THOMAS | OSC | 20150801 |
| CARLSON, KEVIN | LCDR | 20150701 |
| CARNATHAN, DALE | BM1 | 20150623 |
| CAROPEPE, ERIC | MKC | 20150626 |
| CARROLL, PETER | CDR | 20150801 |
| CARVALHO, TIFFANY | MST1 | 20150709 |
| CARVER, BRIAN | FS1 | 20150701 |
| CAVETT, LUCAS | MST3 | 20150602 |
| CAWTHORN, DEBORAH | LCDR | 20150601 |
| CHRISTENSEN, ROGER | CDR | 20150830 |
| CIAGLO, MICHAEL | LCDR | 20150601 |
| CLAYBORNE, LESLIE | CDR | 20150701 |
| CLOUTIER, DANIEL | BM1 | 20150801 |
| COFFEY, JASON | YNC | 20150801 |
| COKER, SAMUEL | LT | 20150701 |
| COLLEY, JUSTIN | ET1 | 20150801 |
| COLON, WALLDY | ME3 | 20150608 |
| CONDIT, RICHARD | CDR | 20150701 |
| CONFORTI, MARCUS | AET2 | 20150825 |
| CONNELLY, TED | BOSN3 | 20150601 |
| COOK, JOSEPH | ETC | 20150701 |
| COOK, KEVIN | RADM | 20150701 |
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| COOMER, WILLIS | MSSD2 | 20150701 |
| CORNETT, SAMUEL | ISM2 | 20150701 |
| COYLE, MICHAEL | MST2 | 20150713 |
| CRAIG, VERNON | CDR | 20150701 |
| CRAWLEY, SCOTT | CDR | 20150701 |
| CROCE, DANIEL | CAPT | 20150520 |
| CRUZ, DANIEL | LCDR | 20150801 |
| CUMMO, BRANDON | MST2 | 20150817 |
| CURRIE, ANDREA | BOSN4 | 20150701 |
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| DANAS, ROQUE | LCDR | 20150701 |
| DANIEL, SETH | BM2 | 20150819 |
| DAVIS, RONALD | AMT1 | 20150601 |
| DEBALSI, ANTHONY | MK2 | 20150825 |
| DEHONNEY, LORAN | FN | 20150811 |
| DELACRUZ, ERIN | BMC | 20150801 |
| DELAURENTIS, VINCENT | CAPT | 20150701 |
| DELEON, ATHENA | BM2 | 20150804 |
| DEREVJANIK, MICHAEL | ENG4 | 20150701 |
| DEVENNEY, SKYLAI | SN | 20150715 |
| DIBARI, PASQUALE | CDR | 20150701 |
| DICKSON, STEVEN | MECS | 20150627 |
| DILL, GARRETT | MKC | 20150801 |
| DILLON, BRYAN | MK1 | 20150801 |
| DIXON, DOUGLAS | CDR | 20150701 |
| DIXON, SHAWN | YNC | 20150701 |
| DOE, BRIAN | MKC | 20150601 |
| DOUGHTY, CHAD | BM1 | 20150801 |
| DOVER, DONALD | GM2 | 20150804 |
| DOZA, DOUGLAS | ELC4 | 20150611 |

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| DUKES, CHRISTOPHER | IT1 | 20150801 |
| DUKES, STEVEN | MSTCS | 20150801 |
| DULING, KENDRA | SN | 20150629 |
| DUMOULIN, BARRY | MST2 | 20150724 |
| DUPRE, RENE | MK3 | 20150521 |
| EAGLE, GREGORY | YNC | 20150601 |
| EARLY, EDWARD | PS1 | 20150520 |
| EASTMAN, SCOTT | ELC2 | 20150701 |
| EDMONDSON, JOSEPH | BM3 | 20150801 |
| EMERSON, ERIC | MKC | 20150701 |
| ENGLAND, ROBERT | BMC | 20150801 |
| ENGLER, PATRICK | ENG4 | 20150701 |
| ESCALANTE, ALICIA | YNC | 20150801 |
| ESMERADO, JOSEPH | LT | 20150801 |
| ESTUPINIAN, SAUL | AMT1 | 20150701 |
| EVANS, DANIEL | GM1 | 20150831 |
| FALCONER, ERIC | EMC | 20150701 |
| FARLEY, WALTER | FS1 | 20150801 |
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| FEUSTEL, NEAL | BOSN4 | 20150601 |
| FILIPOWICZ, JOHN | CAPT | 20150729 |
| FINISON, JASON | LT | 20150801 |
| FISHER, BRIAN | ETC | 20150729 |
| FLOOD, KEITH | YNC | 20150706 |
| FONTAINE, DANIEL | BM2 | 20150601 |
| FONTAINE-OTWELL, DEBORAH | LCDR | 20150819 |
| FORRESTER, CHRISTINA | YN2 | 20150813 |
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| FREEMAN, MICHAEL | MK3 | 20150813 |
| FREIVALD, JOSHUA | LTJG | 20150831 |
| FREKEY, EDWARD | BM1 | 20150701 |
| FRIE, CANDICE | BM3 | 20150804 |
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| GADBOIS, MICHAEL | LT | 20150601 |
| GAGE, JON | CAPT | 20150801 |
| GAGNON, JASON | MSSE2 | 20150801 |
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| GANDOLFO, ROBERT | CAPT | 20150701 |
| GARCIA, ANTHONY | PERS3 | 20150801 |
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| GERGORA, MICHAEL | BM3 | 20150716 |
| GIBBONS, EDWARD | CAPT | 20150701 |
| GILLETTE, JAMES | MSSE4 | 20150701 |
| GITTINGS, CHARLES | BMC | 20150601 |
| GOOLSBY, JEREMY | BM2 | 20150801 |
| GRAHAM, JASON | BM1 | 20150801 |
| GRANQUIST, MARCELLA | LCDR | 20150701 |
| GREEN, ANDY | AET1 | 20150715 |
| GREENLAW, LISA | YNCS | 20150801 |
| GREY, CHRISTOPHER | SKCS | 20150601 |
| GREY, DONALD | BMC | 20150801 |
| GUDBRANDSEN, DAVID | LCDR | 20150601 |
| GUNDERSON, JOHN | MKC | 20150720 |
| GUNDERSON, REX | MECM | 20150627 |
| GUNN, JERIMIAH | FS1 | 20150801 |
| GUNTHEROTH, HARRY | MSSD3 | 20150701 |
| GUTIERREZ, ALEJANDRO | BM2 | 20150626 |
| HACKLER, MATTHEW | SN | 20150526 |
| HAMMACK, KENT | LCDR | 20150801 |
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| HARDISON, BARRY | SK1 | 20150627 |
| HARTRIDGE, KAREN | HS2 | 20150701 |
| HASSAN, AHMAD | SK1 | 20150801 |
| HATFIELD, CHARLES | CAPT | 20150701 |
| HATFIELD, KELLY | CAPT | 20150701 |
| HAVRILLA, CHRISTOPHER | BM2 | 20150813 |
| HAYNES, GREGORY | BM1 | 20150524 |

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| HEATH, GEORGE | F&S4 | 20150801 |
| HELSIUS, JAMES | AMT2 | 20150610 |
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| HIPES, RICK | LCDR | 20150601 |
| HOLLENBECK, ALEXANDRA | SK3 | 20150715 |
| HOLMES, ANJULI | BM3 | 20150804 |
| HOLSTON, ERNEST | PS1 | 20150829 |
| HOULE, SCOTT | LT | 20150801 |
| HUDSON, ZACHARY | SN | 20150526 |
| HUEY, HOMER | CDR | 20150701 |
| HUGHES, CHRISTOPHER | LT | 20150701 |
| HUNTER, IAN | MSSE3 | 20150701 |
| HYLLA, STEVEN | YN2 | 20150728 |
| IMAHORI, JOHN | CDR | 20150701 |
| IMEL, GREGORY | MK2 | 20150824 |
| ISAKSON, LANCE | CDR | 20150801 |
| IVERY, KENNETH | CAPT | 20150701 |
| JACKSON, MICHAEL | OSCS | 20150701 |
| JACOBS, BOBBY | AMT2 | 20150701 |
| JACOBSON, THOMAS | CDR | 20150701 |
| JANNOTTA, DANTE | DC2 | 20150610 |
| JENRETTE, DEVON | F&S2 | 20150701 |
| JIMENEZ, MARK | MSTC | 20150801 |
| JOHANN, PETER | MST1 | 20150621 |
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| JOHNSON, KENNETH | MEC | 20150718 |
| JOHNSTON, MONTE | AMT1 | 20150601 |
| JOINER, JONATHAN | ISM2 | 20150801 |
| JONES, NANCY | PS1 | 20150723 |
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| JOSEPH, BRIAN | BMC | 20150601 |
| JOST, ALEXIS | SN | 20150801 |
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| KEARNS, KEVIN | AMTCS | 20150801 |
| KEEL, KIM | CDR | 20150616 |
| KEITH, WHITNEY | LCDR | 20150701 |
| KEITHLY, AMANDA | HS1 | 20150701 |
| KELLY, JOHN | SK1 | 20150701 |
| KENSIL, CHRISTOPHER | ISM3 | 20150601 |
| KENT, KEN | AETCS | 20150801 |
| KIMBRELL, PATRICK | BM1 | 20150610 |
| KIRCHHOFF, MICHAEL | BM1 | 20150611 |
| KITA, BRIAN | FSCS | 20150801 |
| KNAPP, NATHAN | CAPT | 20150801 |
| KOCSIS, WILLIAM | EMCS | 20150801 |
| KOHLWAY, WILLIAM | EM1 | 20150525 |
| KORN, JOHN | RADM | 20150701 |
| KRAJEWSKI, JASON | CDR | 20150801 |
| KRAMAN, MICHAEL | LCDR | 20150819 |
| KUPERSMITH, KURT | CDR | 20150701 |
| KUYKENDOLL, JAYCEE | SN | 20150825 |
| LACROIX, TIFFANY | YN2 | 20150804 |
| LAHEY, WILLIAM | MEC | 20150801 |
| LANGLEY, RANDALL | AVI3 | 20150601 |
| LANGLOIS, KEVIN | AMTCM | 20150801 |
| LANIER, DONOVAN | BMC | 20150701 |
| LASTINE, DONALD | LT | 20150612 |
| LEBRUSKA, STUART | CAPT | 20150701 |
| LECOUBACON, KEVIN | AMT3 | 20150518 |
| LEDESMA, CHRISTOPHER | BM2 | 20150601 |
| LEESON, LONA | SK1 | 20150701 |
| LEIGHTY, JEFFREY | IVC | 20150607 |
| LEONARD, JOHN | CDR | 20150801 |
| LEONARD, JOSEPH | CDR | 20150701 |
| LEONE, LANCE | LT | 20150727 |
| LEROY, MARCEL | ET1 | 20150701 |
| LEVANAKU, ANJEZA | LT | 20150712 |
| LINDGREN, LANCE | LCDR | 20150701 |

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| LITTON, MATTHEW | ET2 | 20150831 | OAKENFULL, ASHLEIGH | AMT3 | 20150805 |
| LONG, SHAWN | MK2 | 20150801 | OATMAN, ROBERT | CDR | 20150601 |
| LONGORIA, BENJAMIN | AMT2 | 20150526 | OBREIRO, WILSON | ET2 | 20150821 |
| LOPEZ, KEVIN | CAPT | 20150801 | OCALLAGHAN, JAMES | DCC | 20150701 |
| LOPEZGONZALEZ, JOSE | DC2 | 20150713 | OCONNELL, GERARD | ETCM | 20150801 |
| LOSKA, SAMUEL | AMTC | 20150601 | ODITT, BRYAN | LCDR | 20150701 |
| LOTT, CHERI | YNC | 20150801 | OFFORD, BRIAN | CAPT | 20150519 |
| LOZANO, WILLIAM | LT | 20150607 | OLSEN, TRAVIS | ET3 | 20150627 |
| LUDWICK, MICHAEL | DCC | 20150801 | ORQUIZ, DANIEL | ETCS | 20150701 |
| LUNA-KETTER, CYNTHIA | PERS4 | 20150801 | OSTEBO, THOMAS | RADM | 20150701 |
| LUSK, JEFFREY | WEPS4 | 20150701 | PAGAN, DANA | YN2 | 20150831 |
| LY, TUNG | CDR | 20150701 | PAGE, JEFFREY | DCC | 20150803 |
| LYONS, JERRY | YNC | 20150727 | PARKIN, PATRICK | ELC3 | 20150709 |
| MACGREGOR, MARK | MECS | 20150722 | PARSLY, LLOYD | FS1 | 20150701 |
| MACKOWIAK, MARK | INF2 | 20150701 | PAVER, FLOYD | OSC | 20150701 |
| MALY, MICHAEL | MK1 | 20150601 | PAYNE, ROBERT | FSCM | 20150709 |
| MANNING, MICHAEL | AET3 | 20150811 | PEKARSKI, CHRISTOPHER | MKC | 20150801 |
| MARK, MALCOLM | LCDR | 20150601 | PENA, ANTONIO | EM1 | 20150701 |
| MARRS, AMY | LCDR | 20150801 | PENDER, ALEX | AET1 | 20150610 |
| MARTIN, ROBERT | MSSD4 | 20150601 | PENDER, LANCE | AMT3 | 20150804 |
| MARTINDILL, KEASHA | LCDR | 20150701 | PENNANT, LATASHA | LCDR | 20150701 |
| MARTINO, CHRISTOPHER | CAPT | 20150701 | PETERSON, CAMERON | MKC | 20150813 |
| MATHENY, BRIAN | MST2 | 20150626 | PETRAT, MICHAEL | AET1 | 20150601 |
| MAYNARD, GARRICK | BM1 | 20150601 | PFEIFFER, WILLIAM | F&S2 | 20150701 |
| MCAFFEE, ADAM | YN3 | 20150729 | PICKETT, ZACHARY | CDR | 20150601 |
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| MCCAULEY, JAMES | CAPT | 20150701 | PIERCE, MARCUS | OS2 | 20150604 |
| MCCORMICK, DOUGLAS | MKC | 20150601 | PIERRO, KENNETH | CDR | 20150701 |
| MCELROY, CHARLES | F&S3 | 20150801 | PINO, EDUARDO | CAPT | 20150701 |
| MCFARLANE, DAVID | GM1 | 20150601 | PITTMAN, WILLIE | LCDR | 20150601 |
| MCGILL, PATRICK | DC1 | 20150823 | PITTMAN, BARRY | HS2 | 20150831 |
| MCLAUGHLIN, DANIEL | CAPT | 20150701 | PLOCINIK, PAUL | ELC3 | 20150701 |
| MCMENAMIN, ROBERT | DCC | 20150707 | PODOLL, NATHAN | CDR | 20150701 |
| MEADOWS, TIMOTHY | OS2 | 20150813 | POINTER, ERIK | ASTC | 20150701 |
| MEEK, RANDALL | BMC | 20150801 | POLASKI, GARY | CDR | 20150701 |
| MEHLING, STEPHEN | RADM | 20150701 | POLIZZOTTI, BARTHOLOMEW | LCDR | 20150521 |
| MESSEDER, THOMAS | LCDR | 20150726 | PONSETI, JOSEPH | CDR | 20150701 |
| MESSMER, GARY | CDR | 20150601 | PORRATA, JESUS | MSSE2 | 20150701 |
| MEUS, JOHNATHAN | AETC | 20150801 | PORTER, SCOTT | MAT2 | 20150701 |
| MICHAEL, BOBBY | AMT2 | 20150610 | POSTON, JEFFREY | CDR | 20150517 |
| MICHAELS, NIKOLAS | BM3 | 20150526 | POTTER, ERIN | OSS4 | 20150701 |
| MILLER, THEODORE | ENG3 | 20150801 | PRICE, TROY | BMCM | 20150713 |
| MIMS, HEATH | BMC | 20150801 | PRINCE, JOHN | CAPT | 20150601 |
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| MOORE, KATHLEEN | CAPT | 20150701 | PULLEN, RICHARD | MKC | 20150701 |
| MOORE, ROBERT | OS1 | 20150701 | PURIFORY, KEVIN | EMCS | 20150801 |
| MOREIRA, EDWARD | ME3 | 20150610 | RAMIREZ, NEFTALI | HSC | 20150801 |
| MORELAND, JOHN | BMC | 20150801 | RANDELL, RICHARD | OSCS | 20150701 |
| MORTON, SEAN | YNC | 20150801 | RARICK, GORDON | ETCS | 20150801 |
| MUELLER, WILLIAM | HSC | 20150801 | REINERT, DAVID | MKCS | 20150706 |
| MULLEN, FRANK | CAPT | 20150829 | REISER, MONIQUE | FS3 | 20150825 |
| MUNRO, JIM | CAPT | 20150701 | RESTAINO, ROGER | LT | 20150806 |
| MURRAY, RAYMOND | ENG3 | 20150701 | REYES, RUBEN | BMC | 20150801 |
| MYERS, MARK | MKC | 20150601 | REYNOLDS, PHILLIP | MK1 | 20150801 |
| NAEGELI, MICHELLE | GM1 | 20150701 | RIGLEY, STEPHEN | BM1 | 20150801 |
| NAUMOVITZ, MARILYN | YNC | 20150731 | RINOSKI, TY | CAPT | 20150701 |
| NAUSS, CHRISTOPHER | MSTC | 20150701 | RIPLEY, MATTHEW | ENG2 | 20150701 |
| NAVARRO, RANDALL | CDR | 20150701 | RIVADULLA, ROBERTO | OS1 | 20150801 |
| NAY, JOHN | MSSD4 | 20150701 | RIVERA, JUAN | LT | 20150701 |
| NELSON, GREGORY | MSSE2 | 20150601 | ROAKE, KEVIN | ET1 | 20150530 |
| NEMEC, MARK | MSSD3 | 20150601 | ROBERTS, CHRISTOPHER | MST2 | 20150601 |
| NICHOLS, DAVID | CAPT | 20150701 | ROBERTSON, JAMES | CAPT | 20150601 |
| NICKELS, DAVID | AETCS | 20150801 | ROBINSON, SCOTT | DC3 | 20150707 |
| NIEMAN, RICHARD | ETCM | 20150801 | RODRIGUEZ, RICARDO | CAPT | 20150801 |
| NIEVES, RUBEN | IS1 | 20150804 | ROGAN, JAMES | LCDR | 20150701 |
| NOBLE, WILLIAM | MKC | 20150823 | ROGERS, LARRY | MSTC | 20150717 |
| NORRIS, ERIC | YNCS | 20150801 | ROLAND, TOMMY | BM2 | 20150828 |
| NORTON, STEPHENI | YNC | 20150807 | ROMAN, NEFTALI | AMT1 | 20150701 |
| NUTTING, RICHARD | ET1 | 20150801 | ROSENBERG, JEFFREY | ELC3 | 20150601 |

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| ROSS,BRYAN | MKCM | 20150701 |
| ROSSI,PETER | BMC | 20150601 |
| ROY,PHILIP | MECM | 20150801 |
| RUANO,LUIS | BMC | 20150701 |
| RULE,PAUL | AETC | 20150820 |
| RUSH,THOMAS | SK1 | 20150701 |
| RUSSELL,JONATHAN | CAPT | 20150701 |
| SAENZ,ISAAC | LT | 20150701 |
| SAIZ,BEN | LT | 20150801 |
| SALAMON,CORY | AMT2 | 20150801 |
| SALAZAR,MARY | SK1 | 20150626 |
| SAMONTE,DOMINIQUE | LCDR | 20150801 |
| SANTAELLA,JOSE | SN | 20150610 |
| SARCH,MARTIN | CDR | 20150801 |
| SAREAUT,KEVIN | CAPT | 20150701 |
| SATTERFIELD,DANIEL | LCDR | 20150701 |
| SAVAGE,CHRISTOPHER | MSTC | 20150701 |
| SAVILLE,RANDALL | MAT4 | 20150801 |
| SCHAEFFER,DANIEL | CDR | 20150801 |
| SCHLEMMER,EARL | MSSD4 | 20150601 |
| SCHMIDT,ROBERT | BOSN4 | 20150801 |
| SCHWAB,CHAD | DC1 | 20150801 |
| SCOTT,JOSEPH | LT | 20150801 |
| SCRABA,CHRISTOPHER | CAPT | 20150701 |
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| SEBRING,CHRISTOPHER | FS2 | 20150805 |
| SEEVERS,SHANNON | BM1 | 20150801 |
| SHANNON,ALBERT | MSSD3 | 20150801 |
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| SMITH,CHARLES | CDR | 20150701 |
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| SORACCO,ANNE | CDR | 20150801 |
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| STARR,JEFFREY | AETCM | 20150701 |
| STEINER,PAUL | LT | 20150701 |
| STEINGRUBER,RYAN | MKC | 20150801 |
| STEPHENS,CHARLES | ETC | 20150601 |
| STEVENS,JEFFERSON | MK3 | 20150606 |
| STEWART,WILLIAM | MSSD3 | 20150601 |
| STILL,MARK | BM3 | 20150804 |
| STJOHN,PATRICK | CDR | 20150701 |
| STRICKLAND,DAVID | LCDR | 20150714 |
| STRONG,CHRISTOPHER | CDR | 20150701 |
| STURM,MARJORIE | MUCM | 20150701 |
| SULLIVAN,KRISTIN | SN | 20150813 |
| SULMASY,GLENN | CAPT | 20150701 |
| SUNDERMEYER,DANIEL | MKC | 20150801 |
| SWENDSEN,MARYANN | LCDR | 20150701 |
| TAYLOR,GREGORY | DC1 | 20150627 |
| TAYLOR,CLIFFORD | CDR | 20150701 |
| TAYLOR,TOBIAH | CDR | 20150601 |
| TAYLOR,FRED | MEC | 20150527 |
| TAYLOR,RONALD | PERS3 | 20150801 |
| TAYLOR,STEPHEN | LT | 20150720 |
| TAYLOR,JOHN | LCDR | 20150701 |
| TAYLOR,SAMUEL | MK2 | 20150801 |
| TERP,NICOLE | YN1 | 20150728 |

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| THOMAS,DANIELLE | SN | 20150728 |
| THRIFT,NICHOLAS | EM1 | 20150701 |
| TOCHTROP,THOMAS | MK1 | 20150701 |
| TODMAN,ALICIA | MST1 | 20150717 |
| TOKARSKY,WILLIAM | AMT1 | 20150801 |
| TOOKE,BAILEY | SK3 | 20150831 |
| TORGERSON,RUSSELL | CDR | 20150801 |
| TORPEY,STEPHEN | CAPT | 20150701 |
| TORRES,ALBERT | MKCS | 20150801 |
| TOZER,MARK | ETCM | 20150801 |
| TRAVIS,WILLIAM | CAPT | 20150701 |
| TURLINGTON,GEORGE | EMCM | 20150801 |
| TUTTLE,JEFFREY | BM1 | 20150804 |
| ULLRICH,KEVIN | LCDR | 20150701 |
| VAN HOY,DONALD | BM1 | 20150601 |
| VANHOUTEN,MICHAEL | CDR | 20150701 |
| VEON,WILLIAM | YNC | 20150714 |
| VITO,JAMES | IVCS | 20150521 |
| VOGELBACHER,ERIC | CAPT | 20150701 |
| WAGNER,ROBERT | CAPT | 20150701 |
| WALKER,THOMAS | F&S3 | 20150801 |
| WALKER,SCOTT | BOSN3 | 20150701 |
| WALKER,ARTEMAS | EM3 | 20150716 |
| WALLS,ROBERT | LCDR | 20150701 |
| WALTERS,JAMES | BM2 | 20150831 |
| WARREN,LOUIS | OSS3 | 20150712 |
| WATRY,JEFFREY | CDR | 20150623 |
| WAY,DAVID | ENG2 | 20150701 |
| WEASER,LEWIS | PERS2 | 20150701 |
| WEBER,SARAH | MK3 | 20150611 |
| WELLEMAYER,KRISTEN | MST3 | 20150526 |
| WENDLETON,BRYAN | LT | 20150701 |
| WENDLING,BRANDON | AET1 | 20150801 |
| WESSEL,MICHAEL | CDR | 20150701 |
| WEST,JESSICA | SA | 20150819 |
| WHEAT,ROBERT | BMC | 20150601 |
| WHITE,JODIE | HS1 | 20150801 |
| WHITE,MICHAEL | CAPT | 20150701 |
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| WHITE,DONNELL | SK1 | 20150601 |
| WHITE,ASHLEY | SN | 20150831 |
| WHITEHEAD,STEVEN | CDR | 20150801 |
| WILBUR,ROBERT | CAPT | 20150701 |
| WILHELM,DAVID | CDR | 20150801 |
| WILSON,DARIN | MK1 | 20150701 |
| WOEHRER,DONALD | MST2 | 20150707 |
| WOOD,JONATHAN | CDR | 20150821 |
| WYGAND,ROBERT | DC2 | 20150713 |
| YANNI,FRANK | IT1 | 20150815 |
| YEZARSKI,JOSEPH | FS1 | 20150601 |
| YOUNKERS,JOHN | AMT1 | 20150801 |
| YRJANA,HENRY | ETCS | 20150801 |
| ZIEGLER,KEVIN | BMCS | 20150801 |



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| EASTMAN, PHILLIP | LCDR | 20150601 |
| LAMBERT, NICOLE | LCDR | 20150831 |

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

CG RETIREE CUSTOMER SERVICE
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America's Health Responders

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| BASH,MARGARET | CAPT | 20150801 |
| BEAM,SAMMIE | CAPT | 20150701 |
| BLAKELY,SHIRLEY | CAPT | 20150601 |
| BONIN,THOMAS | CAPT | 20150801 |
| CANNING,RICHARD | CDR | 20150701 |
| CHARD,MICHAEL | CAPT | 20150701 |
| COLE,GARY | CAPT | 20150601 |
| COSTELLO,PIERRE | CDR | 20150701 |
| COYNER,WILLIAM | CDR | 20150801 |
| CRAIN,DAVID | CAPT | 20150701 |
| DUFFY,ROSEMARY | CAPT | 20150801 |
| ESTENSON,CARMELITA | CDR | 20150601 |
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| GOLDEN,JOHN | CAPT | 20150601 |
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| JACOBSON,MARK | CAPT | 20150801 |
| KLEVENS,RUTH | CAPT | 20150801 |
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| LINDMAN,ERIC | LCDR | 20150701 |
| LOVE,VICKIE | CAPT | 20150801 |
| LUMSDEN,SUSAN | CAPT | 20150601 |
| MARCHBANKS,POLLY | CAPT | 20150701 |
| MCCLAIN,MARK | CDR | 20150801 |
| MCGINNIS,JOSEPH | CAPT | 20150801 |
| MCGRATH,HOLLY | CDR | 20150801 |
| MCINTYRE,DAVID | CAPT | 20150601 |
| MOFFETT,CAROL | CAPT | 20150701 |
| MONTGOMERY,ALFRED | CDR | 20150701 |
| MORRIS,SHELDON | CAPT | 20150601 |
| MORTON,KATHLEEN | CDR | 20150701 |
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| NEWTON,MARTIN | LCDR | 20150701 |
| NIGG,KIMBERLY | CAPT | 20150801 |
| OBRIEN,THOMAS | CAPT | 20150701 |
| ORTIZ,JASON | CDR | 20150701 |
| PALLADINO,ANTONIO | CDR | 20150801 |
| PICKARD,STEPHEN | CAPT | 20150801 |
| POWELL,JOHN | CAPT | 20150601 |
| PRUSSIN,CALMAN | CAPT | 20150701 |
| ROSA,ROGER | CAPT | 20150701 |
| ROSE,LISA | LCDR | 20150701 |
| ROSE,BERNADETTE | CDR | 20150801 |
| SADOVICH,JULIANA | CAPT | 20150701 |
| SANTIAGO,FELIX | LCDR | 20150801 |
| SAWYER,LEIGH | CAPT | 20150701 |
| SHAMSI,MUTAHAR | CAPT | 20150701 |
| SHAPIRO,RITA | CAPT | 20150701 |
| SMITH,JOYCE | CAPT | 20150601 |
| SOUTHARD,MARY | CAPT | 20150801 |
| STANFORD,CARLOS | LCDR | 20150601 |
| STOKES,DEBORAH | CDR | 20150601 |
| TAYLOR,JACK | CAPT | 20150801 |

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| THOMPSON,DEBORAH | CAPT | 20150701 |
| TILLEY,JOHN | CAPT | 20150601 |
| VERBECK,MARY | LT | 20150601 |
| WEBBER,GEORGE | LCDR | 20150801 |
| WEICK,BARTON | CAPT | 20150701 |
| WISEMAN,CHERYL | CAPT | 20150801 |
| WOLFE,TRACY | CAPT | 20150801 |
| WORTHINGTON,WILLIAM | CDR | 20150701 |

ONCE AGAIN:

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR RETIREES

An active duty Commander recently sent us the following:

I would like to pass along a concern brought forward by a local retiree, who is also a CG civilian employee. Without displaying the actual posting, I will simply describe it.

A person (who happens to be a CG retiree) posted a photo of a memo with a list of people going on TDY orders. Unfortunately, back in the old days, everyone's social security number was listed on those memos.

In this case, they attempted to cover up most of the numbers but at least one number was still legible. Any-one posting onto a public media location should carefully review the information contained in the item to ensure no social security number, personal phone number and address, or birth date and year are included unless the named person has given permission to post such information.

I would encourage everyone to take note of the Commander's comments.

This is an extremely important issue. It can be extremely tempting to take old documents, advancement lists, range lists, etc. and place them on social media without thinking the action through.

The internet world contains enough personal information hacks and leaks without doing it to ourselves, fellow Coasties and their families.

Skip Bowen

Co-Chair, Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council

NEW TRICARE DRUG PRICES TAKE EFFECT OCT 1

Military families and retirees who regularly refill some brand-name medications at retail pharmacies will need to either switch to home delivery, get their drugs at a military treatment facility or start paying for them out of pocket beginning Oct. 1.

Right now, [TRICARE](#) subsidizes all covered brand-name medication at in-network, civilian retail pharmacies. Users pay \$20 for a 30 day supply, while TRICARE covers the remaining cost. But the new rule will force users who buy "maintenance" drugs at those locations to pay the entire cost out pocket.

The change only impacts prescription drug refills considered "maintenance" medications by TRICARE because they are refilled and taken regularly to treat chronic health problems like high cholesterol, allergies or anxiety. Brand-name drugs filled for any other reason, like short-term pain or antibiotics, will still be covered at the current rate. Users will also be able to fill at a retail pharmacy an initial 30-day supply of a new maintenance drug before switching to the mail order or MTF systems, officials said.

Mail-order brand-name drugs will continue to cost users \$16 for a 90-day supply. All drugs filled at a military treatment facility (MTF) will continue to be free.

Users affected by the policy change will receive a notice by mail in mid-September with instructions on how to change their pharmacy to mail-order or an MTF. A complete list of brand-name maintenance drugs affected by the change can be viewed here: <http://pec.ha.osd.mil/TFLmaintenancedruglist.php#A>

Users will get several chances to refill their medication after Oct. 1 at their retail pharmacy before being forced to pay out of pocket. TRICARE will pay its previous portion of the first two refills of any given maintenance drug, but payment of the third refill will be blocked, according to an interim coverage rule.

[How to move your mail-order drugs through TRICARE.](#)

The new rule will not impact active-duty users, beneficiaries stationed overseas or nursing home residents, officials said. TRICARE users can also receive a waiver on a case-by-case basis.

It will also not change the cost of generic drug purchases, regardless of what condition the drug is treating. Those will continue to cost \$8 for a 30-day supply at retail pharmacies.

The change comes on the heels of a 2014 pilot program that tested the change among TRICARE FOR LIFE users, who are over 65-years-old and use TRICARE in tandem with Medicare. Officials expect the change to save the Defense Department \$85 million per year, because filling brand name drugs through pharmacy contractor **Express Scripts**, which manages the mail order program, or at a military pharmacy costs less.

The change will also force savings upon TRICARE users. Officials estimate users will annually save about \$16.5 million, or about \$176 per drug.

Editor's Note: for those of you who called me concerning this change, Military.com produced, I think, the most comprehensive description of the whys and wherefores concerning the pharmacy rule change. Additionally, let me list the phone number to EXPRESS SCRIPTS, a service my wife and I have used for several years now with absolutely no problem. You should have already received the letter alluded to in the above article by the time you read this.

EXPRESS SCRIPTS CAN BE REACHED AT THE FOLLOWING NUMBER: 1-877-363-1303



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| ACUISA | ESPIRIDION | CS1 | 20150529 | PATNONGON | ANT |
| ADAMS | GENE | BMC | 20150722 | LAKEWORTH | FL |
| ALDRIDGE | DAVID | AT1 | 20150711 | JOHNSON CITY | TN |
| ANANIAS | BASIL | HSCS | 20150809 | ORTING | WA |
| BALL | KIRK | SK1 | 20150531 | ISSAQUAH | WA |
| BANKE | RICHARD | RMCS | 20150817 | SALISBURY | MD |
| BARRETT | CHESTER | CWO4 | 20150521 | SAULT STE MAR | MI |
| BATY | BYRON | CWO3 | 20150608 | SITKA | AK |
| BAUM | LUTHER | EM1 | 20150712 | PISMO BEACH | CA |
| BERSOLA | ERNESTO | FS1 | 20150604 | FAIRFIELD | CA |
| BEST | JIMMY | DCC | 20150710 | CLIFTON | TX |
| BISSELL | ALVIN | BMCS | 20150603 | RYE | NH |
| BISSETTE | JOHNIE | YNCM | 20150531 | MERRY HILL | NC |
| BOOZ | JAMES | YN2 | 20150815 | HAMPSTEAD | NC |
| BOUCHARD | RICHARD | MK3 | 20150712 | GORHAM | ME |
| BOWDEN | DANIEL | ATC | 20150722 | EXMORE | VA |
| BOWDEN | CHARLES | FIC | 20150720 | LIVE OAK | FL |
| BOWMAN | LELAND | MKC | 20150711 | MARION | MT |
| BRADLEY | RICHARD | AMTC | 20150629 | ARTESIA | NM |
| BRETT | WILLIAM | BMC | 20150701 | STURGEON BAY | WI |
| BRODSKY | THOMAS | SK1 | 20150707 | SUMNER | WA |
| BROWN | GREGORY | IVC | 20150529 | PLEASANT GDN | NC |
| BRUE | LEONARD | MKCM | 20150624 | VIRGINIA BEACH | VA |
| BUNCH | PHILLIP | MKC | 20150702 | SUMTER | SC |
| BURKE | CHARLES | MKC | 20150829 | PMBK PINES | FL |
| BURT | JAMES | BMC | 20150518 | CAPE CANAVERAL | FL |
| BUSH | GARRET | CDR | 20150616 | WATERFORD | CT |
| BUTLER | DUANE | TTC | 20150807 | MILLINGTON | NJ |
| BYERS | GARY | ET1 | 20150523 | KODIAK | AK |
| CADIGAN | CORNELIUS | SK3 | 20150530 | HOOKSETT | NH |
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| CAMPBELL | FRANK | SK1 | 20150619 | ST PETERSBURG | FL |
| CANEY | LORING | LCDR | 20150804 | WESTSPRINGFIELD | MA |
| CANNON | CHARLES | CWO3 | 20150829 | ZEPHRILLS | FL |
| CARD | WAYNE | SK1 | 20150716 | NEWPORT | NC |
| CARROLL | THOMAS | LCDR | 20150620 | CARBONDALE | IL |
| CASANE | ORLANDO | CWO3 | 20150825 | POINCIONA | FL |
| CHARLESTON | MAXWELL | CAPT | 20150712 | HYATTSVILLE | MD |
| CHIASSON | GALEN | CWO2 | 20150823 | TYLERTOWN | MS |
| CHRISTIAN | ROBERT | CAPT | 20150709 | WASHINGTON | DC |
| CHURCHMAN | GARY | MKCS | 20150614 | LIVINGSTON | TX |
| CLARKE | STEVEN | MKC | 20150717 | NEWPORT | NC |
| CLAYTOR | GARY | PERS4 | 20150711 | NEWPORT NEWS | VA |
| CONRAD | GEORGE | MKC | 20150815 | GLENDALE | AZ |
| CORY | WILLIAM | BMC | 20150520 | LUDINGTON | MI |
| COUNTS | ROBERT | PSC | 20150529 | ROWLETT | TX |
| COWAN | LEITH | LCDR | 20150712 | TROY | MI |
| CREAMER | EDGAR | FN | 20150624 | ROHNERT PARK | CA |
| CROUCH | TONY | MKC | 20150705 | LENOIR CITY | TN |

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| DAVIS | EDMOND | SA | 20150720 | BATH | ME |
| DEMARCO | RAYMOND | BMCM | 20150713 | MONUMENT | CO |
| DILWORTH | IRA | MKCS | 20150721 | ACAMPO | CA |
| DOLBER | SUMNER | CAPT | 20150624 | SATELLITE BEACH | FL |
| DORR | EDGAR | CAPT | 20150808 | ST AUGUSTINE | FL |
| DORR | LESLIE | FICM | 20150716 | PORSMOUTH | NH |
| DOSSEY | SIDNEY | BMCS | 20150701 | FREMONT | CA |
| DOUGHTY | KENNETH | TTCM | 20150602 | WANCHESE | NC |
| DUNAWAY | FRANK | CWO4 | 20150602 | BREMERTON | WA |
| EAKLES | ROBERT | CWO4 | 20150711 | FRESNO | CA |
| EDWARDS | ELMER | BT1 | 20150624 | MORGAN CITY | LA |
| ENGSTROM | JON | CDR | 20150728 | SHERWOOD FOREST | CA |
| ETTLINGER | PETER | AT1 | 20150518 | HOPE | ME |
| FEARER | GENE | DCC | 20150729 | DULUTH | MN |
| FLEISCHAUER | WILLIAM | PSCM | 20150819 | LEWES | DE |
| FORCE | HERBERT | CAPT | 20150529 | EXETER | CA |
| FOY | EDWARD | ETCM | 20150808 | VIRGINIA BCH | VA |
| FRANK | JERRY | FS2 | 20150811 | OSCODA | MI |
| FRIEDRICH | DOUGLAS | GM1 | 20150626 | CONCORD | NH |
| FUDALA | WALTER | ENC | 20150514 | RETSIL | WA |
| FULCHER | GRADY | ENCM | 20150713 | SEA LEVEL | NC |
| GARCIA | RAYMOND | MM3 | 20150716 | HEMET | CA |
| GATES | RALPH | ENC | 20150607 | PRESQUE ISLE | MI |
| GEORGE | ROBERT | BM1 | 20150815 | MORGAN HILL | CA |
| GILBERT | CHARLES | QM2 | 20150821 | OAKWOOD | GA |
| GOLDA | THEODORE | CWO4 | 20150714 | TEMECULA | CA |
| GOODNOUGH | CLIFFORD | CWO3 | 20150522 | LADY LAKE | FL |
| GREENE | ROBERT | YNCS | 20150825 | NEWPORT | NC |
| GRIGGS | MARK | QMC | 20150728 | OCEANSIDE | CA |
| GRISILLO | EDWARD | MMC | 20150825 | SULLIVANS IS | SC |
| GRISPINO | ANTHONY | HSC | 20150721 | AURORA | CO |
| GUILD | FRED | LCDR | 20150607 | SAN JOSE | CA |
| GUTIERREZ | HIPOLITO | FSC | 20150830 | PORTSMOUTH | VA |
| HACKETT | ROBERT | HS1 | 20150725 | SPRINGFIELD | MA |
| HAMMERSLEY | EUGENE | HS1 | 20150516 | CHERRY HILL | NJ |
| HARASTA | JOSEPH | CAPT | 20150815 | DEPTFORD | NJ |
| HARBOURT | MERLE | CAPT | 20150606 | PENSACOLA | FL |
| HARVEY | ALLEN | HS1 | 20150714 | COLORADO SPRING | CO |
| HEARN | JOHN | CAPT | 20150517 | PORTSMOUTH | VA |
| HEDGPETH | ROBERT | CWO3 | 20150714 | TOPSHAM | ME |
| HEDGPETH | ERNEST | LCDR | 20150806 | AUCKLAND | NZ |
| HEMINGWAY | HERBERT | AOC | 20150619 | POWELLS POINT | NC |
| HERMANN | ERIC | BM1 | 20150826 | ST PETERSBURG | FL |
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| HOGELAND | GARY | IVC | 20150518 | MELBOURNE | FL |
| HOLIDAY | JAMES | ENCM | 20150804 | PORT ST LUCIE | FL |
| HOLMES | MICHAEL | PSC | 20150607 | BENTON | KS |
| HOLUB | CULLIS | CAPT | 20150819 | MOBILE | AL |
| HOOSON | RONALD | BMCS | 20150802 | LANSING | MI |
| HOPPING | TERRY | ASMCS | 20150817 | SACRAMENTO | CA |
| HORTON | DAVID | QMC | 20150705 | ARNO BAY | AUS |



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| HUMPHREY | RUSSELL | MKC | 20150826 | WOODENVILLE | WA |
| HUTCHEISON | JERRY | AM2 | 20150618 | ZEPHYRHILLS | FL |
| HYSLOP | JAMES | CAPT | 20150629 | BETHESDA | MD |
| IVANCIN | WALTER | ENCS | 20150621 | ST PETERSBURG | FL |
| JAMESON | CHARLES | BMC | 20150706 | ABERDEEN | WA |
| JEANTET | RICHARD | STCM | 20150610 | ROUND ROCK | TX |
| JONES | WILLIAM | CWO2 | 20150727 | CHINCOTEAGUE ISL | VA |
| JONES | ROYCE | BMC | 20150630 | CHINCOTEAGUE | VA |
| JOYNER | DALE | BMCS | 20150814 | PUYALLUP | WA |
| KANE | PATRICK | CWO3 | 20150702 | TOLEDO | OH |
| KEANEY | JOHN | CWO3 | 20150609 | BRUNSWICK | GA |
| KETELAAR | RONALD | MK2 | 20150629 | WEST PALM BEACH | FL |
| KING | DOYLE | MKC | 20150620 | JOHNSTOWN | NY |
| KNIGHT | JERRY | MKCM | 20150825 | MADISON | TN |
| KRUEGER | RICHARD | CWO4 | 20150610 | KINGSTON | MA |
| KUTZERA | JOSEPH | BMC | 20150623 | HARBOR BEACH | MI |
| KYLLONEN | EDWARD | AE1 | 20150815 | OLYMPIA | WA |
| LEWIS | JOHN | EMCM | 20150814 | JACKSONVILLE | FL |
| LEWIS | ALDEN | CAPT | 20150723 | CARSON CITY | NV |
| LEWIS | BRIAN | ET1 | 20150724 | PARAGOULD | AR |
| LIMING | WILLIAM | CWO3 | 20150824 | MT JOY | PA |
| LONG | ROBERT | BMCS | 20150623 | WALNUT CREEK | CA |
| LOVE | WARREN | GMCS | 20150808 | POOLER | GA |
| LOWE | THOMAS | SOC | 20150523 | ELK GROVE | CA |
| LUCAS | FRANKLYN | CWO3 | 20150521 | LOS ANGELES | CA |
| LULAY | RICHARD | ENC | 20150602 | SPARKS | NV |
| MADSEN | RICHARD | SKCS | 20150807 | OROVILLE | CA |
| MAHON | JOHN | CAPT | 20150626 | NIANTIC | CT |
| MALEONSKIE | ROBERT | FS1 | 20150724 | RHINEBECK | NY |
| MALINOWSKI | MICHAEL | OS2 | 20150517 | DAPHNE | AL |
| MARSHALL | GEORGE | MKCS | 20150528 | NAPERVILLE | IL |
| MARTIN | CHARLES | AD1 | 20150622 | TRACY | CA |
| MATA | ISMAEL | ATC | 20150515 | JERSEY CITY | NJ |
| MCELWAIN | WILLIAM | BMC | 20150615 | CALIFORNIA | MD |
| MCGOWEN | TERRY | BMC | 20150608 | EAUCLAIRE | MI |
| MCLAIN | GARY | DC1 | 20150808 | NORTH BEND | OR |
| MEDAGLIA | ERNEST | PS1 | 20150525 | BRONXVILLE | NY |
| MILAM | THOMAS | SA | 20150731 | WACO | TX |
| MILLER | HAROLD | BM1 | 20150605 | HICKMAN | KY |
| MILLER | JOHN | DC1 | 20150616 | ELIZABETH CITY | NC |
| MULDONG | EDUARDO | FSCM | 20150726 | DUVALL | WA |
| MULFORD | BRENT | BMC | 20150520 | TILLAMOOK | OR |
| MURPHY | KENNETH | CAPT | 20150811 | TROUTVILLE | VA |
| MYERS | DAVID | YNCS | 20150606 | HAYES | VA |
| NATTO | DANE | MK2 | 20150530 | FREEPORT | NY |
| NEGORO | MARC | SN | 20150708 | REDWOOD CITY | CA |
| NELSON | RICHARD | CSCS | 20150624 | OSTERVILLE | MA |
| NIEMEIER | JAMES | SK2 | 20150621 | CLEARWATER | FL |
| NOLAN | CHARLES | MAT3 | 20150612 | UNCASVILLE | CT |
| NOLAN | JAMES | SKC | 20150801 | LIVE OAK | FL |
| OCA | JAIME | FS1 | 20150621 | PHOENIX | AZ |
| ODOM | BILLY | QMC | 20150810 | HALEYVILLE | AL |
| OLEGARIO | RAYMUNDO | FSC | 20150630 | HERCULES | CA |

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| PACE | BOBBY | BMCS | 20150702 | PASCAGOULA | MS |
| PARNELL | CHARLES | MKC | 20150608 | MAURERTOWN | VA |
| PARRY | JOHN | ASMC | 20150811 | SAN MATEO | CA |
| PAULSON | MARVIN | CAPT | 20150614 | CAMBRIDGE | MN |
| PERONA | JUANITO | FS1 | 20150601 | E LYME | CT |
| PETERSON | PAUL | CDR | 20150701 | WARRENTON | OR |
| PIERCE | AUGUSTUS | EN1 | 20150615 | VENICE | FL |
| PITCOCK | CHARLES | CDR | 20150806 | PRESCOTT VALL | AZ |
| PLATZ | MONTY | TCC | 20150602 | SPOKANE | WA |
| PRINCE | GUION | AOC | 20150805 | COFFEYVILLE | KS |
| RABY | FLOYD | AD1 | 20150728 | MOBILE | AL |
| RAINWATER | CHARLES | RM1 | 20150724 | GRANDY | NC |
| RAPSTINE | BENJAMIN | MST2 | 20150726 | HARAHAN | LA |
| RAYBON | OTTIS | CWO2 | 20150519 | DELRAY BEACH | FL |
| REDFERN | JACK | PERS4 | 20150613 | RICHMOND | VA |
| REDRICKS | DALE | FS3 | 20150706 | FAYETTEVILLE | AR |
| REWA | PAUL | AOC | 20150618 | SAN DIEGO | CA |
| REYNA | RORY | BM2 | 20150717 | GRAND HAVEN | MI |
| RICARD | ROBERT | LCDR | 20150721 | EASTPOINTE | MI |
| RICHARD | RAYMOND | MMCS | 20150721 | WILMINGTON | NC |
| RICKETT | WILLIAM | LCDR | 20150521 | LUBBOCK | TX |
| RICKS | ELBERT | F&S4 | 20150605 | CHESAPEAKE | VA |
| RILEY | DONALD | CAPT | 20150731 | RANCHO SANTA FE | CA |
| ROBERTS | RONALD | LCDR | 20150815 | EARLYSVILLE | VA |
| ROGERS | LLOYD | SK1 | 20150623 | GRESHAM | OR |
| ROSADO | CANDIDO | EMC | 20150609 | LEANDER | TX |
| SALES | EUSEBIO | FS1 | 20150618 | ANCHORAGE | AK |
| SAMSON | FELIX | FSCS | 20150523 | SHORELINE | WA |
| SAMWORTH | DAVID | MST1 | 20150726 | BETHANY BEACH | DE |
| SANCHEZ | JOSE | SK1 | 20150719 | NEW YORK | NY |
| SANTOMAURO | MICHAEL | SA | 20150723 | SCRANTON | PA |
| SCARBOROUGH | GARY | CWO3 | 20150718 | DAHLONEGA | GA |
| SCHULTZ | JAMES | EN1 | 20150705 | LEVITTOWN | PA |
| SEROKA | HARRY | BM1 | 20150719 | PEARLAND | TX |
| SEVIER | DWIGHT | SKCS | 20150804 | VACAVILLE | CA |
| SIGEL | WILLIAM | DCC | 20150518 | HARWICH | MA |
| SMITH | HARRY | CWO4 | 20150712 | FOSTER | OR |
| SWINSON | LINWOOD | DCCM | 20150630 | MOREHEAD CITY | NC |
| SWINT | JAMES | CAPT | 20150617 | RALIEGH | NC |
| TAYLOR | ROBERT | BMC | 20150618 | WAYNE | NJ |
| THOMSON | JAMES | LCDR | 20150606 | S PORTLAND | ME |
| TIDWELL | JOHN | MKC | 20150812 | CHARLESTON | SC |
| TODENHAGEN | FREDRICK | ADCS | 20150621 | MOLUNKUS TWP | ME |
| TOWNSEND | MARSHALL | SOCM | 20150515 | SACRAMENTO | CA |
| TRAUB | AMANDA | BM2 | 20150515 | TITUSVILLE | FL |
| TRIVERS | AYLMER | CDR | 20150707 | BECKET | MA |
| VANETTEN | JAMES | CDR | 20150718 | LAVALLETTE | NJ |
| VARGA | RAYMOND | HSCM | 20150528 | NEWPORT | NC |
| VERNO | ALBERT | FSC | 20150725 | ERIE | PA |
| WAGNER | WILLETT | AEC | 20150527 | TORRANCE | CA |
| WALKER | BRUCE | SA | 20150704 | STATEN ISLAND | NY |
| WALSH | JAMES | BMC | 20150725 | DULUTH | MN |
| WASSERMAN | MATTHEW | BM1 | 20150723 | BOCA RATON | FL |
| WATKINS | DENNIS | FSC | 20150827 | PINELLAS PARK | FL |

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| WELCH | JOHN | ATCS | 20150707 | FORESTDALE | MA |
| WELLER | GEORGE | CAPT | 20150525 | OAKLAND | CA |
| WELLS | GORDON | DCCM | 20150701 | YUMA | AZ |
| WELLS | OTTO | GMC | 20150514 | BOTHELL | WA |
| WERTH | GEORGE | CWO4 | 20150714 | EAU CLAIRE | WI |
| WEYENBERG | LEO | LCDR | 20150723 | POPLARVILLE | MS |
| WHORF | RAYMOND | SK1 | 20150704 | WARWICK | RI |
| WILKINS | MICHAEL | YNCM | 20150819 | KINGWOOD | TX |
| WILLIS | ANDREW | HS2 | 20150601 | HONOLULU | HI |
| WINFREY | CHARLES | CDR | 20150804 | COLUMBIA | MO |
| WORTHINGTON | ARTHUR | CWO3 | 20150822 | PORT ST LUCIE | FL |
| WYATT | STEVEN | YNC | 20150524 | TARPON SPRNGS | FL |
| YAWN | ARCHIE | MK1 | 20150815 | UTICA | KY |
| YERKES | JAMES | ET3 | 20150623 | ELKTON | MD |
| ZIMMER | ADOLPH | CAPT | 20150726 | JOHNSTOWN | PA |
|  | | | | | |
| PAULSON | MARVIN | CAPT | 20150614 | CAMBRIDGE | MN |
|  | | | | | |
| ARTZ | INVELDA | CAPT | 20150519 | GLEN DALE | MD |
| BARON | SAMUEL | CAPT | 20150622 | BETHESDA | MD |
| BILLION | CHARLES | CAPT | 20150605 | EL CAJON | CA |
| CARDON | PHILIPPE | CAPT | 20150802 | BARRINGTON | RI |
| CHEEVER | ALLEN | CAPT | 20150828 | BETHESDA | MD |
| CLINGER | WILLIAM | CAPT | 20150714 | CHARLESTON | SC |
| DAVIS | RICHARD | CAPT | 20150517 | BERRYVILLE | VA |
| DENMAN | EMMA | CAPT | 20150525 | HARAHAN | LA |
| DIETEMANN | JOHN | CAPT | 20150715 | STOW | OH |
| ERICKSON | MERLYN | CAPT | 20150719 | BLACK MOUNTAIN | NC |
| FEATHERSTONE | FREDERICK | CAPT | 20150619 | WIHNETKA | IL |
| GAGNE | ROBERT | CAPT | 20150818 | BOYDS | MD |
| GAGNON | RAYMOND | CDR | 20150810 | MECHANICSVILLE | MD |
| HASSELMAYER | EILEEN | RADM | 20150606 | BOCA RATON | FL |
| HENNELLY | P J | CAPT | 20150705 | NORFOLK | VA |
| HICKEY | JOHN | CDR | 20150624 | BALTIMORE | MD |
| JOHNSON | M W | CAPT | 20150627 | HOMER | AK |
| KAKEHASHI | SAMUEL | CAPT | 20150824 | TUCSON | AZ |
| KOLTUN | DIANA | LCDR | 20150606 | PENSACOLA | FL |
| LI | FREDERICK | CAPT | 20150612 | BROOKLINE | MA |
| PRICE | ROBERT | CAPT | 20150731 | LOS ANGELES | CA |
| RIKLI | ARTHUR | CAPT | 20150520 | ELMIRA | NY |
| ROBINSON | JOHN | CDR | 20150526 | SANTA ROSA | CA |
| ROGERS | HERBERT | CAPT | 20150610 | DOUGLASVILLE | GA |
| SHERMAN | JOHN | RADM | 20150628 | WASHINGTON | DC |
| SHERRON | RONALD | CAPT | 20150704 | TAHLEQUAH | OK |
| SLAYTON | ROBERT | CDR | 20150821 | TAMPA | FL |
| STONEBRAKER | GLEN | CAPT | 20150520 | GAITHERSBURG | MD |
| TREUSDELL | DALE | CAPT | 20150621 | TEMPE | AZ |

Dependent TAPS

| Name of Dependent | Relationship | Date of Death | Location |
|-------------------------|---|---------------|--------------------|
| David J. Backman | Husband of LCDR Bonita D. Malit, USPHS Ret | 01 May 2014 | Cincinnati, OH |
| Mary F. Bailey | Wife of LCDR Billy Bailey, USCG Ret | 01 Aug 2015 | Modesto, CA |
| Wanda L. Bartels | Wife of CAPT Ralph Bartels, USCG Ret | 05 Nov 2011 | Kingwood, TX |
| Mamerta C. Batac | Wife of SKC Diosdado Batac, USCG Ret | 03 May 2008 | Nottingham, MD |
| Frieda Beston | Wife of GMC Daniel Beston, USCG Ret | 01 Nov 2010 | Clifton, NJ |
| Joan A. "Punkie" Brooks | Wife of FS1 Wyatt S. Brooks, USCG Ret | 29 May 2015 | McKenzie, TN |
| Leila Cabe | Wife of RMCM David Cabe, USCG Ret | 05 Jun 2015 | Franklin, NC |
| Jane Casimir | Wife of CAPT George Casimir, USCG Ret | 15 Jun 2015 | Murphy, TX |
| Stella L. Cauley | Wife of CWO4 Resta N. Cauley, Jr., USCG Ret | 04 Sep 2015 | Craigsville, VA |
| Mary Ebey | Wife of CWO4 Donald Ebey, USCG Ret | 04 Aug 2015 | Concrete, WA |
| Luanna Hancock | Wife of HS1 Doyle Hancock, USCG Ret | 10 Sep 2014 | Golden Valley, AZ |
| Leslie C. Hunter | Wife of CWO3 Ian M. Hunter, USCG Ret | 28 Apr 2015 | Cama, WA |
| Barbara Jean Larson | Wife of CAPT Robert E. Larson, USCG Ret | 18 Apr 2015 | Henderson, NV |
| Michelle M. Leaton | Wife of MKC Kelly Leaton, USCG Ret | 16 Jul 2015 | St Petersburg, FL |
| Fran Lewis | Wife of LT Paul Lewis, USCG Ret | 30 May 2015 | Plymouth, MA |
| Lois A. Lott | Wife of EMC Richard A. Lott, USCG Ret | 24 Jul 2015 | Akron, OH |
| Shirley R. Peterson | Wife of BMCM Peter Peterson, USCG Ret | 19 Aug 2015 | Ponchatoula, LA |
| Nora V. Rigsby | Wife of BMCS David F. Rigsby, Sr., USCG Ret (dec) | 18 Aug 2015 | Mobile, AL |
| Andrea B. Schafron | Wife of YN1 Mark M. Schafron, USCG Ret | 15 Jun 2014 | Worcester, MA |
| Sally Anne Reed | Wife of ETCS William T. Reed, USCG Ret | 24 Mar 2015 | Little Rock, AR |
| April M. Sherman | Wife of BM1 Wayne A. Sherman, USCG Ret | 26 Jun 2015 | St Petersburg, FL |
| Angelita V. Smith | Wife of CWO4 Jay H. Smith III, USCG Ret | 05 Aug 2015 | Cypress, TX |
| Shirley Tardiff | Wife of MKCM Dennis G. Tardiff, USCG Ret | 05 Sep 2015 | Providence, RI |
| Corazon M. Tolentino | Wife of FSCS Bartolome Tolentino, USCG Ret | 14 Dec 2014 | Alameda, CA |
| Caridad Viernes | Wife of SKCS Lorenzo L. Viernes, USCG Ret | 03 May 2015 | Virginia Beach, VA |
| Ruth Vurek | Wife of CAPT Gerald Vurek, USPHS Ret | 15 Mar 2015 | Orinda, CA |

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact **PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil** with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. RAS will make appropriate updates and then forward to The Retiree Newsletter Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Pay & Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.

QUILLAYUTE RIVER DISASTER



This is the memorial which was erected to honor Boatswain's Mate Second Class David A. Bosley, Machinery Technician Matthew Schlimme and Seaman Clinton Miniken and is situated on the grounds of Station Quillayute. The memorial service was held 19 February 1997 in the tiny village of La Push, Washington for these three Coast Guardsmen who lost their lives responding to a distress call from a dismasted sailboat in heavy sea conditions. Note: Photo to left is by PA2 Tiffany Powell.

To read more, please visit:

<http://www.44mlb.com/quillayute-river-disaster.htm>

DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR MISSION SUPPORT

The DCMS Watch is a 24X7 manned watch that is the primary point of contact for emergent mission support issues. Typical DCMS Watch activities include monitoring urgent personnel issues, tracking significant logistical events for deployed assets, advising Service and Logistics Centers of significant events and natural disasters and tracking Coast Guard Cutter casualties (757-398-6765 or email: d05-smb-dcms-watch@uscg.mil).

Information relating to non-federal entities is provided via this official Coast Guard newsletter as a matter of general interest to retired Coast Guard personnel. The organizations might engage in fundraising activities. The Coast Guard cannot and does not officially endorse these non-federal entities or their activities, including their fundraising activities. The Coast Guard cannot and does not urge anyone to donate to any non-federal entity.

MONITOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY, PARTNERS TO SURVEY WORLD WAR 1 SHIPWRECK

Nearly 100 years ago, German U-Boat sank American lightship off North Carolina

On Sunday, August 30, teams from NOAA's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, began a survey of the historic wreck of *Diamond Shoal Lightship No. 71*, the only American lightship to be sunk by enemy action during World War I.

The archaeological survey expedition off the coast of Beaufort, North Carolina, will document the wreck site, which was added to the National Register of Historic Places this month. Information from the survey also will be used to create educational exhibits and materials to help recreational divers better interpret the wreck site, which is [managed by NOAA](#) and the Coast Guard.



Diamond Shoals Lightship LV-71. (Picture is courtesy of NOAA)

The sanctuary's research vessel SRVx *Sand Tiger* will provide the platform for at-sea operations. Other partners for the project include East Carolina University and University of North Carolina Coastal Studies Institute.

Built in Bath, Maine, in 1897, the lightship, also known as *LV-71*, served as a floating lighthouse, sound signal station and navigational beacon. For 21 years, the lightship marked the treacherous waters of Diamond Shoal off of North Carolina to ensure other vessels could navigate safely. On August 6, 1918, the German submarine *U-140* attacked the vessel while it was anchored off Cape Hatteras. Before it was attacked, *LV-71* had reported by radio the presence of a submarine that had torpedoed the unarmed American steamer *Merak*.

The *U-140* intercepted the warning and headed for the *LV-71*. The submarine fired its deck guns at the lightship and first took out the communications room. As the *U-140*'s shelling continued, *LV-71*'s 12 member crew escaped off the doomed vessel. According to *A History of U.S. Lightships* by Willard Flint, more than 25 friendly vessels were warned away from the area by the *LV-71*.

"A large part of our country's history is rooted in our maritime heritage," said David Alberg, superintendent of the nearby Monitor National Marine Sanctuary. This expedition will provide valuable insights into the lives of this heroic crew and shed light on an important chapter of our nation's history that is unknown to many Americans."

Managed by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary was designated in 1975 to protect the wreck of the famed Civil War ironclad *USS Monitor*, which sank during a storm 16 miles off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina in 1862.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources.

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(Source: <http://noaa.gov>)

Editor's notes**KEEPING RETIREE & ANNUITANT SERVICES INFORMED**

All retirees are reminded to inform PPC (RAS) as soon as possible following changes of marital status (divorce, death, annulment, marriage, just to mention some), death of a designated SBP beneficiary, or any other changes which could impact retired pay. Additionally, when you make a change with DEERS it **does not** constitute a change to your Retired Pay account since DEERS is a totally different system from RAS.

STATE TAX REMINDER: As a reminder when moving from one state to another and updating your home mailing address, don't forget to change your state tax withholdings. The retiree must request a change for state tax as an address change does not automatically change or stop the state information that the tax is being paid to.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

The Retiree Newsletter
Commanding Officer (P&D)
U.S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil
Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or
(785) 339-2236

PHS Statement of Service

To receive instructions on how to obtain a **PHS Statement of Service**, contact: alex.potter@hhs.gov.
For a **corrected** Statement of Service send your email to: phsscassignments@hhs.gov.

Coast Guard/NOAA/PHS Retiree Personnel Locator: If you are searching for a Coast Guard/NOAA or PHS retired individual, we can help. Place your personal correspondence to that individual in a sealed envelope, making sure to include how they can get in touch with you. On the outside of that envelope, address it to them with their full name and rank/rate (for military). Please write your return address and attach a stamp on the envelope. Then, place that envelope in a larger envelope and address it to:

**Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591**

RAS will complete the person's address and place it in the mail.

Need a corrected DD-214?

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form, you need to send your request in writing to:

Commander (PSD-MR)
Personnel Service Center
US Coast Guard Stop 7200
4200 Wilson Blvd, Ste 1100
Arlington, VA 20598-7200

Please include your name, rank/rate, SSN/Employee ID, and date of retirement.

More DD-214 information

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to request a copy of their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>.

This will reduce the waiting time veterans have experienced in the past (waiting for copies of their DD-214s).

Note: Because a written signature is required on the form, you will still need to print it out and mail or fax it to NPRC to obtain a copy.

VA compensation payments and federal income taxes

If you retired from the USCG, NOAA or PHS based on years of service and are later given a retroactive service connected disability rating by the VA, your retirement pay for the retroactive period is excluded from income up to the amount of VA disability benefits that you would have been entitled to receive. The form 1099R reports the entire distribution because the income, when paid, was taxable under the law.

A corrected form 1099R which could support the decrease in taxable income will not be issued by PPC. This policy is contained in the DOD Financial Management Regulations, VOL 7B and also is stated in the IRS instructions for Form 1099R, which directs that the entire income distribution will be reported if a part is taxable and a part is not taxable.

Retirees who are affected by this policy should consult a tax preparer for assistance. The retiree should provide copies of the Form 1099R and the VA Award Letter to claim a refund of taxes paid on the excludable amount.

You may also claim a refund of any taxes paid on an excludable amount in previous years by filing an amended return on Form 1040X, subject to Statute of Limitations.

Pay & Personnel Center, Retiree & Annuitant Services (RAS) - Directory Assistance

Questions, Address or Direct-Deposit Changes

If you need information or have questions about:

- ◆ Your retired or Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity payments
- ◆ Your Retired/Annuitant Statement
- ◆ IRS Form 1099R (reporting taxable income)

or you need to change:

- ◆ Your and your dependents home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R, correspondence)
- ◆ Your financial institution or account number for your direct deposit
- ◆ Report a change to your Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay (Note: Use Form *CG PPC-3600 Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay)

You may make the requests listed above by telephone, by fax or in writing. Our telephone and fax numbers are:

Toll free: 1-800-772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start, stop or change an allotment (you may use Form *CG PPC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us or send us an e-mail request).
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage (must be in writing)

You may fax your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

() Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>*

E-mail: PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil

Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/>

Income Tax Withholding Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail, fax or use *IRS Form W-4, or state form. **If using IRS form, indicate that the form is for State Income Tax Withholding, not federal, which state it's for and the dollar amount to be withheld, (minimum amount is \$10.00, no cents)).** We cannot withhold state tax for annuitants
- ◆ Change your Federal Income Tax Withholding (Retirees use Form W-4, Annuitants use Form W-4P)
- ◆ Change exemptions or additional withholding

Federal tax changes **must** be in writing. The original Form IRS W-4 or W-4P must be mailed to PPC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PPC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

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USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

()Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>
or directly from the IRS*

Report of Death

To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA or PHS retiree/annuitant call:

Toll free: 1-800-772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil or call us at the numbers listed below. The deadline for the next issue is **Nov 9, 2015**

RETIREE CUSTOMER SERVICE

1-800-PPC-USCG/1-800-772-8724

Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

| Medical/Dental Benefits | Phone | Websites/Notes |
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| Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards | 1-800-538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1-866 363-2883 | http://www.tricare.mil/deers In CA: 1-800-334-4162; In AK & HI 1-800-527-5602 |
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| CG Health Benefits Advisor | 1-800-942-2422 | |
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| Veterans Group Life Insurance | | http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm |
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| Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents | 1-800-827-1000 | http://www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp VA Pamphlet 80-02-1 |
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Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

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| Final Active Duty Pay | 1-866-772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200 | http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/ Commanding Officer (SEP) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591 |
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| Social Security | 1-800-772-1213 | http://www.ssa.gov |
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